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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: Operation Alert, 16-18 July 1958

REFERENCE: Memo to CIA Emergency Planning Officer from Asst. to DD/I (Planning), 30 August 1957, "DD/I Activity During Operation Alert 1957"

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1. [REDACTED] has reported on the recent meeting which you chaired in which it was indicated that the DD/I Area will participate in the next Operation Alert on July 16, 17, and 18. We understand that DD/I participation during the first two days will, under present plans, be for the purposes of contacting certain other agencies at their relocation sites:

- a. for guidance as to intelligence which might be required from us in wartime;
- b. to determine what assistance they might provide to us in wartime; and
- c. to determine what wartime support certain major sources, such as NSA, might provide.

We also understand that the third day is to be devoted to a review of what we might provide for the DD/P, and, finally, to a summing up of the conclusions of the three-day exercise.

2. We agree that efforts must be made to clarify possible wartime relationships with our customers, with other producers of finished intelligence, and with those components principally responsible for providing us with intelligence information. As you know, during Operation Alert 1957, we presented our views as to the kinds of intelligence support which would be provided by G-2 as well as our views as to who some of our principal customers would be. However, you are also aware, I am sure, that we have developed no understanding with other agencies, except in the field of economic warfare, regarding possible wartime relationships. In our view, this is not the kind of thing which can be hurriedly worked out in last-minute preparations for a three-day exercise, since this requires careful consideration within our own shop as to what these relationships might be and equally careful consideration of those questions which should be posed to elicit the answers needed on the most critical

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problems. We would like in the coming year, before Operation Alert 1959, to undertake this kind of planning and to participate in discussions with other agencies. However, as you know, it may be difficult to do this unless we have the full cooperation of the agencies concerned.

3. Recognizing that the lack of previous preparation is a definite limiting factor, our plans for Operation Alert 1958 are summarized in the attached outline. We are not aware of how you intend to proceed prior to the Alert in making final arrangements for these contacts. We, of course, do not know whether the other agencies plan to send personnel to their relocation centers who would be able to discuss the questions in which we are interested, nor do we know what arrangements must be made in advance for these contacts. I presume you plan to discuss these arrangements with us and with other DI/I Offices within the next couple of weeks.

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ORR Plan for  
Operation Alert 1958

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